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MINUTES OF THE 3RD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Calhoun County Baptist Association

Held with Oxford Church, October 11-13,

1894.

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OFFICERS:

E. T. Smyth, Moderator, Anniston, Ala.

P. B. Brown, Clerk, Anniston, Ala.

T. S. Morris, Treasurer, Choccolocco, Ala.

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The next session to be held with Oak Bowery Baptist Church, commencing on Wednesday and to close Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1895.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

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Rule 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Association.

6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in case of a tie.

7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members.

8. Every member when speaking shall rise to his feet, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating, and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend, which said motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated; but a motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, or the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall be taken on the highest number and longest time.

14. When a motion has once been decided, a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition without leave of the Association.

16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

17. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator.

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## PROGRAM OF BUSINESS.

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FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional Exercises.

2. Read Letters and Enroll Messengers.

3. Elect Officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

4. Read Rules of Decorum.

5. Invite Churches to Unite with our Association.

6. Invite Visiting Brethren to seats.

7. Call for Correspondence from Associations.

8. Appoint Committee on Finance.

9. Appoint Committee on Preaching.

10. Appoint Committee to Prorate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.

11. Appoint Committee to Nominate the Time and Place of Next Meeting, Principal and Alternate to Preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

12. Report on Periodicals and Literature.

13. Report on Temperance.

14. Report on Sabbath-schools.

15. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.

16. Miscellaneous Business.

17. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.—18 Devotional Exercises.

19. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.

20. Miscellaneous Business.

21. Report on State Missions.

22. Report on Home Missions.
23. Report on Foreign Missions.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on General Education (male and female.)
26. Miscellaneous Business.
27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.—28. Devotional Exercises.

29. Read Minutes and Call Roll of Messengers.
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Report of Committee to Prorate Contributions from Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible Work.
35. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention (ten.)
36. Appoint Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one.)
37. Report of Committee on Finance.
38. Report of Treasurer of Association.
39. Call for Report of Committee on Time and Place and Preachers next year.
40. Order Clerk's Salary paid and Minutes printed.
41. Appoint Committees to report next session on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, General Education (male and female), Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work.
42. Appropriate Surplus Minute Funds, etc., if any.
43. State of Religion in the Churches.
44. Miscellaneous Business.
45. Read Minutes of this day's session.
46. Adjourn.

## CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of the Calhoun County Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers appointed by regular Baptist churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at each session and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association cannot rule, but may advise, the churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association, in each case, is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers at each annual meeting with the Finance Committee, and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them. Then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at its discretion.



ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing, of two-thirds of the messengers present. Provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before action is taken.

# MINUTES.

OXFORD, CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA., }  
October 11th, 1894. }

Messengers Composing the Calhoun County Baptist Association met in the third Annual Session to-day with the Oxford Baptist Church, at 11 a. m.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. Scott from John 17 : 18. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world."

After prayer by Rev. J. F. Potter, the Moderator announced that the Association would convene for business at 2 p. m.

2 p. m.—Association was called to order by James Crook, Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by Abner Williams, prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

P. B. Brown was requested to act as temporary clerk. The following messengers were enrolled.

Anniston First—G. W. Bell, R. M. Fleet, S. Chadwell, C. B. Ragsdale.

Angels Grove—J. M. Propes, R. J. Angel.

Antioch—M. V. Stedham, Allen Johnson, G. C. Harper.

Boiling Springs—F. M. Jones, R. S. Summond.

Cane Creek—G. W. S. Loyd, S. S. Simpson.

Cold Water—C. H. Leslie, G. R. Dickert.

Duke—John Adkins, B. W. Duke, W. T. Dickie.

Eulaton—W. J. Young, G. A. Grogan, J. M. Woodruff.

Hebron—J. D. Dillard, J. J. Bryant.

Harmony—J. A. Scott, W. D. Snow, J. S. Morris, A. J. H. Borders, J. F. M. Davis, J. F. Garrett, F. L. Blackmon.

Iron City—W. H. Davis, J. J. Tolleson, J. F. Davis, T. H. Cockrell.

Jacksonville—M. H. Lane, James Crook, W. A. Skelton.

Mount Olive—J. M. Rhodes, W. M. Green, E. F. Johnson.

Mount Zion—George Price, Avery Weaver, S. C. Woodruff, W. P. Cooper, W. S. Griffin.

Nances Creek—S. S. Love, Jas. Williamson, J. A. Borden.

New Bethel—W. J. McGaha, J. W. Haynes, A. J. Boswell.

New Hopewell—J. P. Wilkerson, A. J. Studdard.

Mount Gilead—G. M. Phillips.

Oak Bowery—B. B. Nunnally, Reuben Johnson, J. B. Ingram, B. F. Jones, L. P. Youngblood.

Oak Grove—G. B. Kelly.

Ohatchie—Balus Nabors, S. G. Holden.

Oxanna—E. T. Smyth, J. F. Thomas, H. C. Pope.

Oxford—G. D. Harris, J. C. Wright, Abner Williams, Jas. S. Kelly, R. W. Reed.

Parker Memorial—S. S. Clepton, W. A. Davis, A. W. Bell, P. B. Brown, C. C. Huckabee, H. G. Lamar.

Piedmont—C. A. Sharp, J. M. Andrews, J. P. Allgood.

Pleasant Ridge—N. N. Cobb.

Postoak Springs—A. J. Cross, J. A. Lanford.

Rabbit Town—S. L. Cross.

Sulphur Springs—R. H. McCain, W. D. Vinson.

Weavers—H. L. Johnson, R. P. Weaver, M. W. Woodruff.

Whites Gap—James Cash, R. H. Gidley.

Ten Island—R. P. Walker, W. W. Gullledge, J. L. Dodgen.

Zion Hill—J. F. Potter, W. J. Whitesides.

J. S. Morris and W. D. Snow were appointed tellers to conduct election for offices of Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

James Crook stated that he could not remain during all the exercises of the Association and requested that his name be not before the Association for reelection.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

E. T. SMYTH . . . . .	Moderator.
P. B. BROWN . . . . .	Clerk.
JAS. S. MORRIS . . . . .	Treasurer.

Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

On motion of M. H. Lane, Program of business of last Association was adopted, with addition of after No. 42—committee on state of Religion in the churches.

Rev. J. A. French, D. D., — — Meadows, Rev. F. G. Mullen, Ed. Adderhold, and Abner Williams were introduced to the Association as correspondents from the Coosa River Association, and A. F. Allen and D. A. Long from Boiling Springs Association, and W. D. Wright from Limestone County Association, Texas.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary of Alabama Baptist State Convention, and Co Editor of the Ala. Baptist, and Rev. W. A. Whittle, Vice President of Howard College and representative of the Orphans Home, were also introduced to the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Finance—W. H. Davis, C. H. Leslie, B. B. Nunnally.

Preaching—Geo. D. Harris and the deacons of the Oxford Church.

State of Religion in the Churches—S. C. Clopton, Jas. Crook.

Prorate among the churches amount asked for by State Mission Board.—A. W. Bell, J. F. Potter, C. A. Sharp.

Nominate the time and place of next meeting,—Principal and Alternate to preach next introductory and Missionary Sermons.—J. S. Kelly, W. S. Griffin, J. M. Andrews, W. J. Whitesides.

On motion of Abner Williams, the Rules were suspended, and the following hours of daily meeting were adopted: Meet at 8:30 a. m.—Adjourn at 12 m.—Meet at 2 p. m.,—Adjourn at 5 p. m.—Meet at 7 p. m. and adjourn at pleasure.

Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., would preach at the Baptist Church to-night at 7 o'clock.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30.

7 o'clock p. m.—Rev. W. B. Crumpton gave the Asso-

ciation an interesting Map, lecture on Missions, and a cash collection of \$25.44 was taken up.

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## SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, 8:30—Association called to order by Moderator. Scripture read by Moderator and prayer by Rev. W. S. Griffin.

Motion that the reading of the Minutes be postponed, was carried.

The report on Periodicals and Literature was read by E. T. Smyth.

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

The increasing power of the Press, both for good and evil is admitted by all classes of people. Every advance in civilization and intelligence adds to its power. Worldly enterprises are not slow to recognize and utilize its mighty agency.

Ungodly men are through this agency, pouring vast streams of error and corruption into the minds and hearts of the people, particularly the young, thus poisoning the very springs of life.

An all-wise Providence has doubtless designed it as the mightiest agency, save the oral preaching of the word, for advancing the cause of Christ.

If as Christians,—if as Baptist, we would come up to measures of our responsibility, we must trusting in God, meet the foe on his field and overcome him.

Much has been done by the Baptists to give the world the Bible and moral and religious literature; much more remains to be done. We cannot afford to be behind others in this work. Your committee would most earnestly urge an increased interest in our denominational newspapers and other periodicals. We have many good papers in reach of us, but we would especially recommend the *Alabama Baptist* as our own state paper. We should supply our Sunday-schools with an abundance of our Baptist Literature.

The cause of the Baptists in the south demands the attention of Southern Baptists in a supreme sense. To give acceleration and effectiveness to all our religious environments, we must have the utterances of the press, and those utterances must represent the views and convictions of the Baptist of the south. Let us repeat, that without a well defined declaration of our distinctive views through the press, our organization is incomplete.

We are taken at a great disadvantage so long as we are practically without a Southern Baptist Literature, pronounced and decided; a Literature for whose utterances and doctrines and scripture interpretations we are willing to be held responsible. As a Southern people, we will develop a secular and religious literature of our own; for no people have ever made any great attainments in Science, in Art, in Literature, or in religion who did not possess secular and religious literature distinctive their own. As Southern Baptists we will never reach the full measure of our denominational attainment until we have brought into existence and utilized for all evangelical purposes a Southern Baptist literature in all its bearings and directions. To possess such a literature, we, as Southern Baptist, should be true and loyal to every earnest effort to build it, and develop our religious resources. The question is therefore as to whether or not the Baptist churches within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention shall sustain by their patronage an earnest effort to build up a literature in every way equal to any within the bounds of orthodox christendon.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend to the patronage of the churches of the Calhoun County Association, our own home series of Sunday-school literature, "Convention Series."

E. T. SMYTH.

Report discussed by E. T. Smyth, W. B. Crumpton, G. D. Harris, W. S. Griffin, B. B. Nunnally and J. S. Kelly.

Adopted.

Rev. A. J. Preston, of Decatur, Ala., was introduced to the Association as a visitor.

Moderator announced that Rev. J. A. French, D. D.,

would preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, in place of Rev. W. H. Smith.

Rev. J. A. Scott made the following report on Sunday-Schools:

### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

It has been affirmed by wise men that the Sabbath-schools are churches at work. They should be under the supervision of the churches, and the supreme object should be to teach the Word of God, that comes to us sealed with divinity, burdened with the themes of salvation and offers of everlasting life. The teachers and officers should be regenerated people, and the Sunday-schools should be subordinate to the churches. What a university of Nations is the Sabbath-school to mould the minds of the young, for God's glory, and the betterment of the world. Sabbath-schools bring the Word of God in contact with tender hearts.

"The pebble in the stream so scant, has turned the course of many rivers.

The dew drop on the little plant hath warped the giant oak forever."

When children learn God's Word we have hope that it will make them wise unto salvation. Under existing circumstances, we cannot now make a correct report of the number of school officers and pupils engaged in the Sabbath-school Convention. We hope in the near future to be able to make a more accurate report. We believe it is impossible to lay too much stress upon the importance of the establishment of Sabbath-schools in all of our churches. It is useless to say, to people familiar with this good work, that it is one of the chief sources for the maintenance of our churches. We rejoice to report to this Association, decided improvement in our county among our churches, in this noble work, and hope this grand work will go from conquest to victory, until every church composing this Association will be able to report a flourishing Sabbath-school.

J. A. SCOTT.

Sunday School report discussed by J. A. Scott, J. C. Wright, W. B. Crumpton, W. D. Snow, S. C. Clopton, W. S. Griffin and A. J. Preston.

The Report on State Missions was read by W. S. Griffin:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

About nineteen years ago, the State Mission Board was organized by the Baptist State Convention.

At that time things were gloomy. The Corresponding Secretary traveled two years, scarcely paying expenses. But now our people are getting more interested in the work; but not as much as they should be. 'Tis true that times are hard, but all should give something to this work. We have the assurance of God's love if we give to him. The Scripture says God loves a cheerful giver; and the liberal soul shall be made fat. We have been wonderfully blessed this year both temporally and spiritually. And we ought to give as God has prospered us. In Alabama there is about one million of people to be won for Christ. There are forty five men employed at present by the State Mission Board, including missionary colportners. These men are working hard, and should be helped and encouraged. We therefore recommend that the pastors present State Missions so force ably to their churches, that each member may give according to his ability.

W. S. GRIFFIN,  
W. G. DUKE,  
R. C. USRY.

Report discussed by W. B. Crumpton and S. C. Clopton.  
Report adopted.

Adjourned for Missionary sermon by Rev. J. A. French, and to meet at 2 P. M.

Missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. A. French from 1st Cor. 3: 21-22. "All things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephus, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours."

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30—Moderator called Association to order and read John 15:—Prayer by Rev. J. C. Wright.

The following report on ministerial education was read by J. C. Wright:



## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We live in an age that is critical in its tastes, exacting in its demands, rapid in its mental processes, intolerant of dullness, clamoring for scientific methods, concise statements, average, method, busied with a thousand things besides religion.

And how shall the minister of God successfully meet the demands of the age, the cavils of the world, the needs of the church, and be able to carry out his Lord's great commission to the world. To succeed the man of God must be thoroughly furnished unto all good works; must be a scribe well instructed unto the Kingdom of God.

It is presupposed that the minister is regenerated, has the grace of God, and a divine call to the work. But he must have more. Grace does not give him a knowledge of Greek, a divine call will not fill his head with biblical lore, and even, an "emotion from the holy one" only quickens what is; but it imparts no new gift or faculty. Literary qualifications for the ministry are not acquired by supernatural agency; but by the slow, laborious process of hard study. Study the word of God, and every study calculated to throw light upon that word. God does not study Grammar for the man, he must do that himself. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed."

Every preacher must be educated—not necessarily graduated; but his mind must be disciplined and enriched somewhere, in the college, in the high school, in the work shop, in the counting-room, anywhere, only let it be somewhere.

The priests lips should keep knowledge. But they cannot keep knowledge, unless they have it, and to get it, is no short-hand, hot-bed process. It means years of hard study under the best masters.

Moses "was skilled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians;" yet he had to be trained, go to school forty years in the wilderness before he was a competent leader and lawgiver to Israel. Paul was a highly educated man when converted and called to the ministry. At first some of the apostles were "ignorant and unlearned men," but they did not re-

main such. All the apostles, except Paul, went to school to Christ for three years—all were instructed by him, and he graduated them on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit "indued them with power from on high," made polyglot, master of many languages. Then, and not until then, were they made competent to carry the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Hence, to all who are called to enter upon this great work, the duty is plain, it is: Educate, educate yourself.

All the facilities for the highest Literary and Theological Education are found in Howard College, East Lake, Ala., and the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

J. C. WRIGHT,

J. B. INGRAM,

Z. W. WOODRUFF.

#### Report Adopted.

Rev. J. C. Wright moved that the association now consider the applications of Wm. A. McCain and W. D. Vinson for endorsement by this association for beneficiary aid. The motion was disensed by W. A. Whittle, E. T. Smyth, A. J. Preston, S. C. Clopton, B. B. Nunnally, G. D. Harris and James Crook.

An amendment was made to have a committee of three appointed to examine into the character, qualifications and intentions of the applicants and report to the association to-morrow. The amendment was adopted. The moderator appointed on the committee, B. B. Nunnally, G. D. Harris and J. B. Ingram.

The following report on General Education was made by S. C. Clopton:

#### REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

The propriety of considering education in a religious body ought to be settled when we remember that Christianity is in the world not only to save men, but to elevate, ennoble and glorify them.

As christian citizens we should give to our great system of public education a strong and healthy support on the ground of patriotism and philanthropy. At the same time we must see that the schools are kept free from secta-

rian influences. No teacher drawing a salary from the State, should be allowed to foist his peculiar religious views upon the scholars. And we must allow no religious body to draw public school funds.

Yet we should foster and encourage voluntary religious work among students of such institutions on the part of the students themselves and of Christians in neighboring churches.

But as a religious people we must provide for our young men and women a distinctively Christian education. We must cherish our own institutions with our gifts and our prayers. We must give them our moral and financial support. The schools which we have deserve our patronage. And we owe it to ourselves and the cause of truth to give to the world as many highly educated people as we can, thoroughly imbued with Baptist views. And for this reason we should cultivate in our own schools a strong denominational influence, so that when our Christian graduates go forth they shall bring their developed talents into active service in our churches and other religious bodies.

In Christian institutions the bible should be taught, so that our young people may study the word of life in real earnest under the most favorable circumstances and with the greatest advantages which we can afford. This book of books teaches the highest of the sciences. They give us the knowledge of creation and this gives us the knowledge of both creation and the Creator.

It is a cause for rejoicing that the Judson Institute and Howard College have opened this season with very considerable increase of attendance over that of last season.

SAMUEL C. CLOPTON.

Report on General Education was discussed by W. A. Whittle and H. G. Lamar.

Report adopted.

The following report on Home Missions was made by J. S. Morris:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We are glad to report that the work of the Home

Mission board for the year ending April 30th, 1894 has been successful and satisfactory.

More than 300 laborers were employed. 4470 have been baptised and 4039 added by letter. Making a total addition to the churches of 8509. Besides this work 429 Sunday Schools have been established, 633 new churches were constituted, 67 houses of worship built,—1150 Bibles and testaments distributed,—to say nothing of the great number of religious visits made, and tracts distributed.

The receipts of the board were less in the last convention year by \$33 000, than in the preceding year, yet the work has been considerably increased; the board at this time has an indebtedness of something near \$15,000, which facts necessarily call for larger contributions. It seems that some of the work already undertaken will have to be abandoned unless there is a more liberal response than has been made heretofore. We are retrenching in the wrong way, too many of us practice economy first with the Lord.

If we really want the world converted and are praying for it, we will find some means to help to send the gospel to those who have it not. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?

JAMES S. MORRIS.

A motion was made and carried that the report on Home Missions lay on the table until the report on Foreign Missions be read.

S. C. Clopton was selected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, and J. C. Wright alternate.

Committee on time and place and Preachers for next year was read by J. S. Kelly:

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The next session of this association to be held with Oak Bowery Church, on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1895.

Rev. J. C. Wright to preach the introductory sermon,  
Rev. E. T. Smyth alternate.

Rev. M. H. Lane to preach the Missionary sermon;  
Rev. G. D. Harris alternate.

Report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed standing Committees to report at the next session as follows:

STATE MISSIONS—Abner Williams, T. M. Draper, D. C. Cooper.

HOME MISSIONS—James Crook, C. C. Huckabee, W. S. Griffin.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—S. C. Clopton, B. B. Nunnally, W. A. Davis.

GENERAL EDUCATION—M. H. Lane, H. L. Johnson, A. J. H. Borders.

TEMPERANCE—Geo. D. Harris, J. M. Andrews, C. A. Sharp.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. C. Wright, Chas. Ragsdale, G. B. Bell.

COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK—J. A. Scott, J. B. Ingram, J. C. Thomas.

EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE—T. G. Bush, A. W. Bell, R. M. Fleet.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—J. F. Potter, f. S. Morris, Z. W. Woodruff.

WOMAN'S WORK—W. A. Davis, C. T. Hinton, G. W. Loyd.

STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES—T. W. Ayers, P. B. Brown, W. F. Hanna.

ORPHANS HOME—J. S. Kelly, A. W. Bell, S. P. Ingram.

Committee on Preaching announced that Rev. J. A. Preston would preach to-night at 7 o'clock.

Association adjourned to meet 8:30 tomorrow. Dismissed by prayer, by Moderator.

7 p. m. Rev. J. A. Preston preached from the text Psalms 46: 1—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

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### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY 8:30 Association called to order by the

Moderator. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. B. B. Nunnally.

A motion was made by W. D. Snow and carried, that the association reconsider the adoption of the report on time and place of the next meeting. W. D. Snow then moved that the time of the meeting of the next association be the second Wednesday in October, instead of the second Thursday in September. This motion was carried. The report of the Committee, was then adopted.

The following report on Foreign Missions was read by Geo. D. Harris:

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "Go ye," Each one is to go in person or by proxy "into all the world."

The field of labor is limited only by the utmost bounds of the earth.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature." The address is to each and every human being, in every latitude of earth, in every age of the world.

Hence so long as there are souls born and unsaved on the earth, so long will the command remain in force. He who accepts the Bible as Gods truth, must with it accept the binding force of the Foreign Missionary obligation.

From the words of God we must conclude that the heathen without the Gospel is lost. We "are the light of the world," "the salt of the earth"—witnesses for Christ at Jerusalem, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." Then how stupendous and grave is our responsibility in this convention.

What are we as Baptists doing? We are doing much and leaving much more undone.

We have Missionaries—

In China,	whites	38	natives	27
" Africa.	"	9	"	34
" Italy,	"	3	"	27
" Brazil	"	15	"	11
" Mexico,	"	25	"	15
" Japan,	"	4	"	4

Southern Baptists have spent on Foreign Missions the past convention year about \$106,000. Of this amount Alabama paid about \$7,000.00 only—making in round numbers one cent per head,—the cost of a cake of soap, a spool of thread, or a paper of pins.

The results are Baptisms 629 for the past year. We have 84 organized churches, with 3328 members in Foreign fields.

All Missionary work is important. But almost beyond comparison is the overwhelming importance of the Foreign Mission work. Brethren, to the work earnestly.

We recommend monthly collections in all the churches for Missions.

GEO. D. HARRIS, Chairman.

Report discussed by C. C. Huckabee.

Adopted.

The report of the Evangelization of the colored people, was read by B. R. Nunnally.

## REPORT OF THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The negro is an American citizen, with his home chiefly in the South. Here is felt the effects of his christian civilization—or the lack of it.

1st. We the white people, as christians, are benefited or damaged to a degree, as the negro advances or halts in his christian progress.

2nd. The negro under proper presentation of the Gospel is easily reached. He is in a sense our heritage,—to teach, to guide and to bring to Christ.

3rd He presents a Missionary field easy of access,—when awakened desires to know the truth, and having no bias of leaning to aid him to arrest the word of God, he naturally becomes a Baptist.

4th. As India and China more especially belongs to Europe, as a field for Missionary work. So we believe the Indians and negroes are our especial charge. Hence we must conclude that we owe to Christ and the negro the solemn duty of presenting to him the Gospel in its purity and simplicity.

We urge that our preachers take this matter up and make

a point to preach often to our colored brethren:

B. B. NUNNELLY.

discussed by G. D. Harris.

Adopted.

The Report Colportage and Bible work was read by H. Lesly.

## REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK.

We consider this work a very important one. There are a great many books in the hands of the public that are worthless. There is a demand for good sound religious literature. The young will read something and we should see to it, that they have wholesome books to read. This work is being done by our Colportage board. The board does not receive the encouragement and help that it should, to carry on the work successfully. We need a Colporteur in every Association. We think great good could be accomplished by having one in our midst. Sow the good seed everywhere and it may be as bread cast upon the waters that shall be gathered many days hence. The Colporteur can reach a class of people that will not attend church. By placing the Bible and other good books in the hands of such, may be the cause of leading many souls to Christ. Therefore we hope that the churches in this Association will respond liberally to the calls of the board. The board has been moved to Montgomery, Ala., where the Alabama Baptist is printed and is connected with it. All that is needed now, to carry on the work successfully is money to buy and defray expenses. There has been some appointments made recently. We hope ere long that the Board will be able to appoint a colporteur in our Association.

Adopted.

C. H. LESLY.



The committee to prorate contributions from the churches made the following report:

Anniston First . . . .	30.00	New Hopewell . . . .	10.00
Antioch . . . . .	15.00	Ohatchie . . . . .	20.00
Angels Grove . . . .	10.00	Oak Bowery . . . .	50.00
Boiling Springs . . .	20.00	Oak Grove . . . .	10.00
Cane Creek . . . . .	20.00	Oxford . . . . .	200.00
Cold Water . . . . .	20.00	Oxanna . . . . .	10.00
Duke . . . . .	50.00	Parker Memorial . . .	600.00
Eulaton . . . . .	10.00	Piedmont . . . . .	100.00
Friendship . . . . .	10.00	Piedmont Springs . .	10.00
Hebron . . . . .	40.00	Pleasant Ridge . . .	10.00
Harmony . . . . .	100.00	Postoak Springs . . .	75.00
Iron City . . . . .	30.00	Rabbit Town . . . .	30.00
Jacksonville . . . .	200.00	Sulphur Springs . . .	50.00
Mount Gilead . . . .	10.00	Ten Island . . . . .	25.00
Mout Olive . . . . .	10.00	Trinity . . . . .	10.00
Mount Zion . . . . .	100.00	Weavers . . . . .	50.00
Nances Creek . . . .	10.00	Whites Gap . . . . .	10.00
New Bethel . . . . .	10.00	Zion Hill . . . . .	15.00

Submitted

A. W. BELL, J. F. POTTER, C. A. SHARP.

The committee appointed to examine into the applications for aid, and endorsements for ministerial students, made the following report:

The Committee to whom is referred the question of assisting brethren in the Calhoun County association to obtain an education at Howard College, recommend the reference of the selection of these young men to the State Board of missions, with the endorsement of the churches to which they belong, and we earnestly recommend to the churches composing the Calhoun County Association, the importance of contributing liberally to the support of these or other ministerial students.

B. B. NUNNELLY, GEO. D. HARRIS, J. B. INGRAM.  
Report adopted.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

P. B. BROWN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH CALHOUN  
COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1893

—Dr.—

Oct. 7.—Balance on hand, as per last report. \$ 358 57.

—Cr.—

By amounts paid as follows:

W. B. Crampton Sec'y. \$ 285 97.

G. W. Ellis Treas. 7 75.

T. W. Ayers. 64 85.

Submitted \$358 57.

Adopted. P. B. BROWN, Treas.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Churches.	State H'me For'g Und'd Bible					Col.	Min.	Total
	Mis.	Mis.	Mis.	Mis.	Mis.			
Anniston First,		3 50	6 50				3 05	13 05
Angel's Grove,			2 00				90	2 90
Antioch,		1 50					1 60	3 10
Boiling Spring,			1 70				1 50	3 20
Cane Creek,			8 00				1 00	9 00
Cold Water,	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 13		75	5 88
Duke,		6 75	6 75				1 50	15 00
Eulaton,	1 40						1 00	2 40
Hebron,		61					2 00	2 61
Harmony,	8 84	8 84	8 78	3 00			2 25	32 56
Iron City,							50	50
Jacksonville,	15 00	11 00	11 00				3 00	40 00
Mount Gilead,							75	75
" Olive,							1 05	1 05
" Zion,	8 00	8 00	10 25				1 50	27 75
Naucses Creek,	1 50		1 50				1 25	4 25
New Bethel,							1 70	1 70
New Hopewell,							1 05	1 05
Oak Bowery,		2 00	2 00				1 00	5 00
Oak Grove,							1 00	1 00
Ohatchie,	50		65				1 60	2 75
Oxanna,		2 91	2 90				1 00	6 81
Oxford,							3 00	3 00
Parker Memorial							5 00	5 00
Piedmont,				22 25			3 00	25 25
Pleasant Ridge,							1 05	1 05
Postoak Springs,				2 21			2 00	4 21
Rabbit Town,		4 20					1 00	5 20
Sulphur Springs,							1 10	1 10
Ten Island,		1 30					1 00	2 30
Weavers,	4 00	2 00	2 00				2 00	10 00
White's Gap,		1 00					50	1 50
Zion Hill,	3 00	3 00	8 00				1 00	15 00
Public Collect'n.								36 33
Totals.	43 24	57 61	73 10	29 24	1 13	51 60	292 25	

W. H. Davis, B. B. Nunnally, C. H. Leslie, Com.

A motion was made and carried that the contributions for undivided missions, be equally divided between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

A motion was made and carried, requesting the clerk of the association to have the minutes printed by Dr. T. W. Ayers, of the Jacksonville REPUBLICAN, provided he would print them as cheap as any one else.

Bro. C. C. Huckabee offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That we the Calhoun County Association, encourage the appointment of a colporteur for the colored race of our county.

On motion of H. G. Lamar, the thanks of the association were tendered the good people of Oxford for their bountiful hospitality during this session.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on the condition of religion in the churches must submit a very imperfect report:—

Only a few of the churches seem to be pastorless. Out of 31 letters which came into the hands of the committee, 19 report revivals, from which together with regular services, in all, 214 persons were baptised.

The contributions seem to be not quite so numerous nor so large as they were reported at the last meeting of this body. Very many of churches fail to report any salary paid their pastors.

This committee makes no note of the Sunday Schools, because of the Sunday School convention which follows this meeting. Though it would seem that in a climate like ours, the schools ought to continue in session all the year through.

Fraternally,

SAMUEL C. CLOPTON, Chairman.

The following pledges were made to ministerial education:

Cold Water.....	5 90
Duke.....	5 00
Eulaton.....	2 00
Harmony.....	5 00
J. S. Kelly.....	2 50
G. D. Harris.....	5 00
Piedmont.....	5 00
Postoak Springs.....	5 00
Rabbit Town.....	1 50
Sulphur Springs.....	5 00
Weavers.....	2 00
Zion Hill.....	3 00
	<u>\$46 00</u>

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Rev. W. A. Whittle preached at 11 o'clock from the text, Mark 14:8—"She hath done what she could,"—after the sermon he made a strong appeal for the Orphans Home, at Evergreen, Ala., and took up a collection amounting to \$24.48.

P. B. BROWN,  
Clerk.

E. T. SMYTH,  
Moderator.

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PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Thursday 11. a. m.—Rev. J. H. Scott.  
Thursday 7. p. m. Rev. W. B. Crumpton D. D.  
Friday 11. a. m.—Rev. J. A. French D. D.  
Friday 7. p. m.—Rev. J. A. Preston.  
Saturday 11. a. m.—Rev. W. A. Whittle.

# STATISTICS OF CALHOUN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1894.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Increase by			Decrease by			SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer meeting.	Reports Revival.			
					Membership Last Report.	Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Eraure.	Death.	Present Membership.				Officers and teachers.	Pupils.	Superintendent's Name and P. O. address.
Anniston First.....	Calhoun	E. T. Smyth.....	C. B. Ragsdale.....	Anniston.....	244	10	27	...	26	4	...	251	13	100	J. W. Story, Anniston.....	Every	Yes	Yes	
Angels Grove.....	"	H. L. Johnson.....	R. J. Angel.....	Tampa.....	46	7	5	...	6	2	...	50	9	50	Paul Willington, Tampa.....	4	Yes	Yes	
Antioch.....	"	D. C. Robinett.....	G. R. Ridener.....	Weavers.....	90	2	5	...	13	...	1	83	6	30	M. V. Stidman, Anniston.....	4	Yes	Yes	
Arling Springs.....	"	Noah Stephens.....	R. S. Summell.....	Francis.....	106	23	4	...	28	2	3	100	4	53	Newton Haynes, Francis.....	2	"	"	
Be Creek.....	"	W. S. Griffin.....	A. H. Mynatt.....	Alexandria.....	61	3	4	...	4	...	...	64	...	...	...	2	"	"	
Coldwater.....	"	Noah Stephens.....	T. F. Teague.....	Bynums.....	86	4	6	2	1	4	...	88	5	45	J. T. Comer, Coldwater.....	3	"	"	
Coke.....	"	H. R. Culbertson.....	B. W. Duke.....	Duke.....	64	7	...	...	5	2	...	64	6	35	W. M. Thompson, Duke.....	3	"	"	
Eulaton.....	"	A. F. Allen.....	J. C. Hinds.....	Eulaton.....	51	...	1	...	5	...	...	45	...	...	...	1	"	"	
Friendship not rep'n'd	"	J. E. Smith.....	J. J. Bryant.....	Hebron.....	139	2	3	...	7	1	...	135	...	...	...	2	Yes	Yes	
Harmony.....	"	J. A. Scott.....	W. L. Rhodes.....	Choccolocco.....	225	4	7	...	10	1	...	224	10	110	J. S. Morris, Choccolocco.....	3	"	"	
Iron City.....	"	W. S. Griffin.....	T. H. Cockrell.....	Iron City.....	52	5	...	1	2	...	...	56	6	38	J. M. Hindar, Iron City.....	4	Yes	"	
Jacksonville.....	"	M. H. Lane.....	P. D. Ross.....	Jacksonville.....	169	2	2	1	15	...	...	157	7	90	Jas. Crook, Jacksonville.....	2-4	"	"	
Just Gilead.....	"	J. E. Smith.....	L. G. Wiley.....	Reads.....	126	5	...	...	3	2	...	123	...	...	...	1	"	"	
Just Olive.....	"	T. A. Smith.....	E. F. Johnson.....	Jacksonville.....	31	9	3	...	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	2	"	"	
Just Zion.....	"	M. H. Lane.....	J. B. K. Lumpkin.....	Alexandria.....	235	...	2	16	...	...	...	220	3	60	A. H. Mynatt, Alexandria.....	1	"	"	
Nances Creek.....	"	H. L. Johnson.....	J. A. Borders.....	Nances Creek.....	49	2	4	...	3	...	1	51	6	23	W. F. Wells, Nances Creek.....	1	Yes	Yes	
North Bethel.....	"	A. F. Allen.....	R. P. Heaton.....	Bera.....	61	4	12	...	1	...	...	76	6	46	R. P. Heaton, Bera.....	4	"	"	
North Hope, dissolved.	"	D. C. Robinett.....	A. J. Studdard.....	Allsup.....	61	...	2	...	10	1	...	51	6	62	B. D. Plexico, Allsup.....	1	Yes	Yes	
North Hopewell.....	"	B. B. Nunnally.....	J. B. Ingram.....	Ohatchie.....	149	9	7	...	9	18	4	137	8	71	Toney Scisson, Ohatchie.....	4	"	"	
North Bowery.....	"	G. A. Price.....	J. H. Hughes.....	Reads.....	53	5	7	...	3	...	...	62	...	...	...	4	"	"	
North Grove.....	"	L. C. Holder.....	J. H. Sanders.....	Mink.....	73	9	7	...	15	3	...	73	4	40	T. J. Plexico, Mink.....	3	Yes	Yes	
Northanna.....	"	E. T. Smyth.....	H. H. Fitzgerald.....	Oxanna.....	32	16	5	...	6	...	...	48	11	54	J. T. Thomas, Oxanna.....	1	"	"	
Northford.....	"	G. D. Harris.....	T. M. Draper.....	Oxford.....	195	4	1	...	9	1	...	189	16	105	D. C. Cooper, Oxford.....	1-3-5	"	"	
North Memorial.....	"	S. C. Clopton.....	W. A. Davis.....	Anniston.....	264	21	44	...	29	2	...	3	295	16	260	C. D. Woodruff, Anniston.....	every	"	"
North Piedmont.....	"	G. D. Harris.....	J. M. Andrews.....	Piedmont.....	170	...	2	...	8	...	...	164	8	100	J. W. Harris, Piedmont.....	2	"	Yes	
North report.....	"	D. C. Robinett.....	J. W. Harris.....	White Plains.....	53	29	5	6	18	...	...	73	...	...	...	2	Yes	Yes	
North Pleasant Ridge.....	"	B. B. Nunnally.....	J. H. Sparks.....	Jacksonville.....	172	23	8	9	20	...	...	183	...	...	...	2	Yes	"	
North Rabbit Town.....	"	C. B. Hammett.....	R. P. DeFrees.....	Jenkins.....	100	6	3	2	4	1	...	103	...	...	...	3	"	"	
North Spring Springs.....	"	B. B. Nunnally.....	R. M. McCain.....	Boozier.....	183	11	10	...	8	1	...	194	...	...	...	2	"	"	
North Island.....	"	Noah Stephens.....	J. L. Dodgin.....	Ottery.....	63	5	1	...	14	...	2	53	4	54	W. W. Guldedge, Ottery.....	4	Yes	Yes	
North finity, not represen'd	"	M. H. Lane.....	Thos. L. Weaver.....	Weavers.....	100	5	6	...	3	...	3	105	6	30	D. F. Weaver, Weavers.....	3	Yes	Yes	
North Weavers.....	"	J. W. Bates.....	Joe J. DeArman.....	Jacksonville.....	68	5	...	10	...	...	...	68	4	40	J. J. DeArman, Jacksonville.....	3	"	"	
North White's Gap.....	"	J. F. Potter.....	A. N. Word.....	White Plains.....	45	1	8	1	3	...	2	50	2	15	J. F. Potter, White Plains.....	3	"	"	
North on Hill.....	"																		
Totals.....					3616	238	206	22	318	23	24	33	3681	106	1511				

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CALHOUN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1894.

CHURCHES.	State Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Miss'ns.	Missions Undesignated.	Church building.	Bible and Colp.	EDUCATION.			Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	SUNDAY SCH'L.		WOMAN'S SOCIETY.			Ministerial Ed.	Orphan's Home.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Fur.
							Ministerial.	College Buildings.	Incidental.			Benev'ence.	School Expenses.	Home Miss.	For. Miss'ns.	State Miss.						
Anniston First.		3 50	6 50						3 05		9 00	95 00						57 05			5000	
Angels Grove.			2 00						90									2 90			200	
Antioch.		1 50							1 60									3 10	6 00		600	
Boiling Springs.			1 70						1 50			1 85						5 05			350	
Cane Creek.			8 00						1 00									9 00			500	
Coldwater.	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		20	93		75		5 00							10 88	65 00		500	
Duke.		6 75	6 75						1 50									15 00			500	
Eulaton.	1 40								1 00									2 40			250	
Friendship not rep'n'd																					500	
Hebron.		61							2 00									2 61			500	
Harmony.	15 13	8 84	8 85				6 50		2 25		23 58		3 78		3 71			72 64		96 00	1000	
Iron City.									50									50			1000	
Jacksonville.	15 00	11 00	11 00						3 00		60 00			7 00				107 00		80 00	3000	
Mount Gilead.									75									75			400	
Mount Olive.									1 05									1 05			200	
Mount Zion.	8 00	8 00	0 25						1 50									26 75			1000	
Nances Creek.	1 50		1 50						1 25									4 25	30 00		200	
New Bethel.									1 70				3 00					4 70			250	
New Hopewell.									1 05									1 05			150	
Oak Bowery.		2 00	2 00						1 00									5 00			800	
Oak Grove.									1 00									1 00			100	
Ohatchie.	50		65						1 60									2 75			200	
Oxanna.		2 91	2 90						1 00		10 81							17 62	17 74	11 00	2000	
Oxford.	20 55	25 60	14 10				12 92		3 00		27 85		5 00	5 00	5 00			117 02	600 00	60 00	4000	
Parker Memorial.	86 76	89 71	195 89		159 13		203 60		5 00		75 00	83 51	93 50	151 75	11 30			1157 95	1305 00	1338 37	85000	
Piedmont.			22 25						3 00									25 25			800	
Pleasant Ridge.									1 05									1 05			100	
Post Oak Springs.			2 21						2 00									4 21			600	
Rabbit Town.		2 40							1 00									5 20			500	
Sulphur Springs.									1 10									1 10			400	
Ten Island.		1 30							1 00			1 63						3 93	31 50		500	
Weavers.	4 00	2 00	2 00						2 00			7 00						17 00			1000	
White's Gap.		1 00							50									1 50			300	
Zion Hill.	5 00	5 00	10 00						1 00			1 50						22 50	30 00	10 00	400	
Public Collections.			38 33														24 48	60 81				
Totals.	\$158 84	\$172 92	\$284 09	\$61 79	\$150 13	20	\$223 95		\$51 60		\$211 24	\$133 29	\$105 28	\$163 75	\$20 01		\$24 48	\$1770 57	\$2085 24	\$1595 37	\$112 800	